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A Resolution

By Councilmembers C. T. Martin, H. Lamar Willis, Ivory Lee Young, Jr.

and Felicia A. Moore

A Resolution expressing the concern of the City of Atlanta to the potential cuts in service delivery; expressing concern to the proposed millage rate increase for the General Fund of Fulton County provided the referendum to incorporate a new city of Sandy Springs is adopted; and for other purposes.

Whereas, the Georgia General Assembly has authorized a referendum that would allow only the residents of Sandy Springs to vote on the incorporation of a new city; and

Whereas, the authorizing bills have been signed into law by Governor Sonny Perdue; and

Whereas, the City of Atlanta has a population of approximately 420,000 and is the largest cities incorporated within the geographic boundaries of Fulton County; and

Whereas, Fulton County has estimated the financial and service impacts of the proposed city of Sandy Springs on the General Fund, which provides services to all county residents; and

Whereas, the impact on the county's General Fund may result in a loss of approximately \$21 million in revenues; and

Whereas, the Manager of Fulton County has projected that the decrease in revenues may result in funding cuts to the courts, libraries, arts programs and the departments that provide environmental, health and human services; and

Whereas, The County Finance Director has stated that in addition to funding cuts to departments and programs county-wide, a millage rate increase will be required for the General Fund; and

Whereas, the citizens of the City of Atlanta pay taxes to the General Fund of Fulton County and have expressed their concern about the proposed increase in taxes and the decrease in services as a result of a new city of Sandy Springs.

Therefore Be It Resolved by the Atlanta City Council that the City of Atlanta hereby expresses its concern about the financial impact on the residents of the City of Atlanta and all of the residents of Fulton County, should the residents of Sandy Springs vote to incorporate; and

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that the City of Atlanta is also concerned about the proposed decrease in the level of services provided to the residents of the City of Atlanta and Fulton County, as well as, the potential tax increase that may be required for the General Fund; and

Be it Finally Resolved that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to deliver a true copy of this adopted Resolution to the Governor, members of the Georgia General Assembly, the Fulton County Commission and the Clerk of all Fulton County cities for distribution to their respective Mayors and Council Members

ADOPTED by the Council
RETURNED WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF THE MAYOR
APPROVED as per City Charter Section 2-403

May 16, 2005

May 25, 2005

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